



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

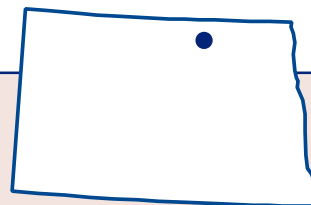
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Rolette County, ND

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians was selected to receive an assessment grant. The Turtle Mountain Reservation is located in Rolette County in northern, rural North Dakota. Eighty-nine percent of the population of Rolette County is Native American. The county is also designated a USDA Champion Community, a federal Underutilized Business Zone, and a federal Renewal Community. The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, a federally recognized tribe, has a population of 27,000, over half of whom live on or adjacent to the reservation. The tribe is working to redevelop a 600-acre area that was the site of a former state mental hospital. This redevelopment



Assessment Grant

New
2003

\$350,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct assessment activities at the 600-acre site of a former state mental hospital. Continued vandalizing and trespassing as well as the use of access roads by residents that pass through the area present ongoing health and safety threats.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians has received brownfields funding for assessment grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

project will create jobs for the community as well as remove health and environmental hazards posed by the site.